

Commercial Fishery Possession and Landing Limits

Effective: May 3, 2013

	Status	Limit	Comments
American shad	OPEN	No limit	Open: April 15 – June 15, except weekends. Current Sturgeon Conservation Maximum Soak Time: 4 HRS (water temperature < 68° F).
Black Sea Bass	OPEN	100 lb: trawls & fish 50 lb: other gear 10 fish: lobster pots Closed Sundays: May 25 – Sep 2	License Endorsement required.
Bluefish	OPEN	500 lb.	
Horseshoe crab	CLOSED	25/500 crabs. See comments.	License Endorsement required. ASMFC allocation to CT: 48,689 crabs. Open: May 22 – July 7, except weekends. Possession limit 25 crabs by otter trawl, 500 by hand.
Scup	OPEN	1,200 lb: hook, trawl, fish pot 600 lb: gillnet Closed Sundays: May 25 – Sep 2	License Endorsement required to land scup between May 1 and October 31.
Spiny dogfish	OPEN	4,000 lb	ASMFC allocation New England region: May 2012 - Apr 2013=17.4 m lb. Fishing Year 2013/14 = 23,688,360 lb.
Smooth dogfish	OPEN	No limit	By fisherman agreement first dorsal fin must remain attached to the carcass as required by ASMFC FMP.
Summer flounder	OPEN	100 lb (as of Apr28) Closed Sundays: May 25 – Sep 2	License Endorsement required. 1,200 lb / week through April 27. Call-in/Call-out required under weekly limits.
Winter flounder	OPEN	50 lbs or 38 fish	State waters closed to harvest March 1 through April 14. Effective May 1 SNE federal waters reopen. Federally permitted vessels permitted to land the higher federal limits of fish taken from federal waters. Minimum Size: 12 inches.
Weakfish	OPEN	100 lb	Minimum size: 16 inches.
Tautog	CLOSED	10 fish	Open seasons are: April 1-30, July 1-Aug 31, Oct 8 - Dec 24. Minimum size: 16 inches.

Principal State Quota Managed Species – 2013 trip limit history.

	Summer Flounder	Scup	Black Sea Bass	Bluefish
	Minimum Size: 14" Quota: 258,205 lb	Minimum Size: 9" W1 Coastwide Quota: 10,940,583 lb (Summer CT Quota: 288,980 lb)	Minimum Size: 11" Quota: 21,700 lb	Minimum Size: 9" Quota: 118,000 lb

Jan1-Apr27	1,200 lb / week Call-in/Call-out required	50,000 lb	100 lb: trawls & fish pots 50 lb: other gear 10 fish: lobster pots	750 lb
Apr28-Apr30	100 lb	50,000 lb	100 lb: trawls & fish pots 50 lb: other gear 10 fish: lobster pots	750 lb
May 1 -	100 lb Closed Sundays: May 25 – Sep 2	1,200 lb: hook, trawl, fish pot 600 lb: gillnet Closed Sundays: May 25 – Sep 2	100 lb: trawls & fish pots 50 lb: other gear 10 fish: lobster pots Closed Sundays: May 25 – Sep 2	500 lb

Notes:

[See the 2013 Marine Fisheries Information Circular for complete regulations](#)